

1 47. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected and small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said apparatus comprising:

means for performing printing in a printing mode including a first mode in which the printing head is caused to perform only the large ejection, a second printing mode in which the printing head is caused to perform only the small ejection, and a third printing mode in which the printing head is caused to perform both the large ejection and the small ejection.

Sub C2 2 48. (New) An ink jet printing apparatus as claimed in claim 47, wherein the printing head has a plurality of ejection openings, and the ejection opening used for the large ejection and the ejection opening used for the small ejection differ from each other.

3 49. (New) An ink jet printing method using a printing head, which can perform large ejection in which relatively large amounts of ink are ejected and small ejection in which relatively small amounts of ink are ejected, to perform printing, said method comprising the step:

performing printing in a printing mode including a first mode in which the printing head is caused to perform only the large ejection, a second printing mode in which the printing head is caused to perform only the small ejection, and a third printing mode in which the printing head is caused to perform both the large ejection and the small ejection.